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# H. J. RES. 36

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President by the popular vote of all citizens of the United States regardless of place of residence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2005

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4       *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5       *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6       *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall  
5 be elected jointly by the direct vote of the citizens of the  
6 United States, without regard to whether the citizens are  
7 residents of a State.

8 “SECTION 2. The persons having the greatest number  
9 of votes for President and Vice President shall be elected,  
10 so long as such persons have a majority of the votes cast.

11 “SECTION 3. Congress shall have the power to en-  
12 force and implement this article by appropriate legislation.

13 “SECTION 4. This article shall apply with respect to  
14 any election for President and Vice President held after  
15 the expiration of the 1-year period which begins on the  
16 date of the ratification of this article.”.

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